

Docket No. 500.30310CX2

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Nobuo HAMAMOTO et al.

Serial No.: Unassigned (§53b Continuation of 08/446,278)

Filed:

22 June 2001

For:

DIGITAL INFORMATION SYSTEM, DIGITAL AUDIO SIGNAL PROCESSOR AND SIGNAL CONVERTER

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

22 June 2001

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee for the above-identified application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between the title and line 1 ("BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION"), please insert the following new section.

# -- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of Serial No. 08/446,278 filed 22 May 1995, now allowed, which is a continuation of Serial No. 07/727,420 filed 9 July 1991, abandoned.--

### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-45 as originally filed, and substitute therefor replacement claims 46-54, as follows.